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Help us Find the Next Clean Air Champion!

Do you know a person, organization, business or public agency that does extraordinary work to clean up the air? A person or group that inspires others to keep our air healthy?

We want to know about them!

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District), along with the American Lung Association, RIDES for Bay Area Commuters and the U.S. EPA, is soliciting nominations for the 2002 Clean Air Champions Award. This award was conceived in 1992 to recognize those individuals whose efforts go above and beyond—at work, at home or both—to clean up Bay Area air.

This year, on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the award, the Clean Air Champions program is expanding. In addition to presenting the award to individuals, the committee will now honor the efforts of businesses, public agencies and organizations that exemplify the Clean Air Champion spirit.

"Clean Air Champions come in all ages and all walks of life," says Air District Executive Officer Ellen Garvey. "Past winners include elementary school children, high school and college students, radio and television personalities and professionals who inspire others to make Clean Air Choices in their daily lives."

If you know someone or a group that is making a difference for cleaner air, simply visit <a href="www.sparetheair.org">www.sparetheair.org</a> for a downloadable form, or call 1-800 HELP AIR for a nomination form. Send your nominations to Clean Air Champions Award, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109, or fax it to (415) 749-5101. Include an address and the daytime phone number for both you and your nominee.

The deadline for the contest is April 30, 2002. The 2002 Clean Air Champion will be announced in July and honored in a public presentation by the Air District Board of Directors in September 2002.

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